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SUB: NP WINS PROVINCIAL BY-ELECTION

1. NATIONAL PARTY CANDIDATE ULRICH STEYNBERG WON AN IMPRESSIVE VICTORY IN MARCH 2 ELECTION TO FILL VACANT SEAT FOR DURBANVILLE ON CAPE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL. HE DREW 7848 VOTES OR APPROXIMATELY 75 PERCENT OF POLL, COMPARED TO 1543 FOR PRP CANDIDATE P. MYBURGH AND 1280 FOR UP CANDIDATE A. WRENSCH. NP VICTORY WAS EXPECTED SINCE DURBANVILLE IS A NATIONALIST STRONGHOLD BUT MARGIN COMES AS A SURPRISE. WHILE NP VOTE INCREASED BY 20 PERCENT, OPPOSITION SHOWING WAS POORER THAN IN PREVIOUS DURBANVILLE ELECTION (1974). ON THAT OCCASION, UP RAN AGAINST NP WITHOUT PRP COMPETITION AND POLLED MORE VOTES THEN THAN UP AND PRP TOGETHER DID THIS TIME.

2. OPPOSITION PARTIES ATTRIBUTE THEIR WEAK PERFORMANCE TO FACT THAT NP KNEW OF IMPENDING ELECTION AND BEGAN TO PREPARE FOR IT TWO MONTHS BEFORE OTHERPARTIES INFORMED. CURRENT DISORDER IN OPPOSITION RANKS (CAPE TOWN 072) ALSO CITED AS REASON FOR MAGNITUDE OF DEFEAT. CAPE NATIONALIST NEWSPAPER UNCLASSIFIED

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DIR BURGER HAILED REAFFIRMATION OF VOTER FAITH IN NP, CALLING ELECTION "DISASTROUS" FOR PRP, AND "PATHETIC" AND "FATAL" FOR UP. PAPER OPINED THAT ELECTIONS PROVE PRP CAN WIN ONLY IN ENGLISH-SPEAKING URBAN AREAS.

3. RESULTS OF KEY ELECTIONS IN JOHANNESBURG AND

PRETORIA DISTRICTS BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY.
ASSESSMENT OF NATIONAL IMPLICATIONS OF DURBANVILLE AND
TRANSVAAL ELECTIONS WILL FOLLOW IN SEPARATE CABLE.

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